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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
SPEECH DRAFT

1. BELOW ARE COMMENTS MADE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER ON FIRST
DRAFT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SPEECH, COPY OF WHICH WAS
DELIVERED TO YOU ON TUESDAY. SECOND DRAFT DUE COB FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 12. WOULD APPRECIATE FORWARDING TO S/P YOUR
SUGGESTIONS BY FRIDAY MORNING.

2. WRITTEN COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: PAGE ONE, 2ND PARA.,
"UNDERLINED NECESSITY OF DEVELOPING NEW RELATIONSHIPS."
PAGE TWO, "TOO PLATITUDINOUS." PAGE FIVE, LINE 1, "? MEAN-
ING THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO ALTRUISM. NO ONE SHOULD ASK
US FOR CLARITY BUT WE SHOULD HAVE FARSIGHTED ATTITUDE."
PAGE TWELVE, FIRST TICK, -THESE ARE GOOD POINTS WRITTEN
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IN HOPELESSLY TURGID PROSE." LINE NINE, "MEANING?" PAGE

FOURTEEN, FIRST TICK, "THIS IS SIGNIFICANT ONLY IF YOU ASSUME THAT MULTINATIONALS ARE ONLY MEANS OF TRANSFERRING TECHNOLOGY." SECOND TICK, "CAN THIS BE SAID MORE CLEARLY?" PAGE FIFTEEN, "EXPLAIN ROLE OF PARTICIPANTS MORE CLEARLY." PAGE SIXTEEN, LINE 7-8, "THIS SOUNDS TOO POLLYANISH. EXPLAIN WHAT WE TRIED TO DO." PAGE EIGHTEEN, 2ND PARA., "THIS MAKES IT SOUND TOO SELFISH AND TOO CONCERNED WITH OUR COMPANIES. IF WE USE IT, IT SHOULD BE LAST." PAGE NINETEEN, 1ST PARA., "THIS SOUNDS LIKE REACHING FOR A SELFISH ARGUMENT." PAGE TWENTY, 1ST PARA., "NOT JUST INCLUDES BUT MAY BE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS." PAGE TWENTY-ONE, "BASIC ARGUMENT SHOULD BE DEFENSE OF NEED OF DEVELOPMENT AND ONLY US CAN MAKE A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION IN THE FIELD OF TECHNOLOGY." LAST TICK, "THIS SOUNDS FAR-FETCHED." PAGE TWENTY-TWO, 1ST TICK, "SOUNDS RIDICULOUS." PAGE TWENTY-THREE, LAST TICK, "PAP, THIS LACKS ANY ELEVATION." PAGE TWENTY-FIVE, "THIS PAPER LACKS ANY APPEAL TO THE PARTICIPANTS THAT CONVEYS (1) SENSE OF URGENCY AND (2) WHAT THEY MIGHT DO."

3. SECRETARY'S VERBAL COMMENTS (RELAYED BY H. NAU) ARE AS FOLLOWS: REGARDING FIRST SECTION OF SPEECH, SECRETARY THOUGHT TOO PEDANTIC. SHOULD BE MORE ELEVATED AND MORE RECIPROCAL. INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES MUST DO MORE BUT THEY ALSO MUST ASK FOR MORE.

4. CONCERNING SECTION ENTITLED "THE ROLE OF THE U.S.", WE SHOULD JUSTIFY THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY LARGELY IN TERMS OF WHAT IT DOES FOR LDC'S. IF IT CONTRIBUTES TO A MORE STABLE WORLD ENVIRONMENT, THEN IT IS IN OUR INTEREST. PRIMARILY, U.S. INTEREST IS DEVELOPMENT WHICH CREATES AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH ECONOMIES THAT WE BELIEVE IN CAN FLOURISH. ON THE CONTRARY, A CONFRONTATIONAL ENVIRONMENT BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE KINDS OF ECONOMIES WE BELIEVE IN.

5. UNDER THE SAME SECTION, THE SECRETARY MADE THE POINT THAT THE SPECIFIC BENEFITS TO THE U.S. LISTED ON PP. 21-22 ARE TOO MUNDANE. WE NEED TO EXPRESS THESE IN MORE ELEVATED TERMS. THE IDEA THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BECOME PARTNERS IN AMERICAN SCIENCE IS RIDICULOUS.

6. UNDER THE SECTION "PROGRAM FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THE SECRETARY WANTS US TO INDICATE WHAT THE CHANGES ARE. WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES? DON'T BE SELF-SERVING. DON'T EMPHASIZE WHAT WE HAVE DONE BUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO AND HOW THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN HELP US. WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WE WANT THEM TO HELP US SOLVE? KISSINGER

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